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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, and ranged from unchanged to higher in other regions. Trade sentiment was generally steady. However, traders were continuing to evaluate the affect of the severe weather conditions over the weekend. Demand was light to moderate even though supplies were in close balance to adequate for full trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were reported as ample or available, balance of items were irregular but usually sufficient for requirements. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were usually reported as desirable to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/31-02/04/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Bos/New Eng	48.00-49.00	48.71	17	49.64	22
Chicago	43.00-46.00	46.15	47	49.20	75
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	57.21	32
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	58.75	12
Denver	62.50	62.38	17	61.17	38
Detroit	42.00-47.00	46.71	12	49.79	42
Los Angeles	63.00	61.58	65	60.01	129
New York	45.00-47.00	46.03	31	54.48	104
Philadelphia	42.00-45.00	44.29	7	47.01	26
Pittsburgh	42.50-44.50	44.60	10	52.26	60
St. Louis	46.00-46.25	45.94	17	49.59	41
San Francisco	63.50	62.56	31	65.19	59

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/31/00	Change/Last Wk	01/24/00	02/01/99
640	55.11	1.37	53.74	58.43

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	48.00-50.00	50.43	39
Central	48.00-54.00	52.65	51
West	47.00-65.00	58.15	51

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	55.00-57.50	56.69	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,119	42.00-59.89	56.79

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	3,968
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.00	1,993
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.50	602
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,589
WINGS	71.00	2,934

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was generally steady with some cautionness noted. In the parts market, wings were readily available and slow to clear. Boneless skinless breast were in close balance to tight. Bone-in breast were adequate. Balance of items ranged short to fully adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed and ranged from steady to improved as uncertainty develops on the reports of numerous chicken houses that have collapsed due to heavy snow over the weekend in the South and South Central area. Demand was moderate as traders continue to fill the depleted pipelines. Supplies were mostly adequate for full trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were fully adequate to ample, balance of items were usually adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate to cover an only fair buyers' interest. Retail demand was moderate overall, best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .03 to 47.93 with the volume reported down 7 percent to 25 loads

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's trading into Detroit were unchanged, higher into Chicago and St. Louis and in Ohio TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady, instances firm. Movement into all channels was sluggish, light to fair at best. Floor stocks were mixed, adequate to short as transportation problems slowly diminish. Parts trading was good on leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts. Supplies irregular with breast items in the shortest position. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on all items except wings were steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair. Seller offerings varied, but were fully sufficient overall. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were generally heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 2 cents higher at 49 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were adequate to tight in instances due to a loss of deboning time caused by last week's winter storm system. Wings remained available and slow to clear. Supplies of leg quarters varied from fully adequate to short.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	44-62
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.46
NO. OF BOXES	8,917

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was generally fair with some caution being noted. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs, with wings in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was fully steady for boneless skinless breast, steady for bone-in. Wings were readily available. The balance was mostly steady to fully steady. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	152.07	221,240
TENDERLOINS	115	120.16	54,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	79.21	184,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	72.93	135,000
LEGS	26-27	30.48	159,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	19.26	436,949
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	35.46	70,470
THIGHS	21-22	28.22	63,560
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.52	21,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	68-69	74.26	121,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	42,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.59	29,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.52	45,840

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	963	124.00-157.00	134-145	140.16
TENDERLOINS	80	125.00-179.00	-	142.87
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	560	49.00-55.00	49-50	51.07
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	882	16.00-19.00	17	17.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,483	17.50-20.00	17.5	17.98
WINGS (WHOLE)	210	53.00-77.00	55-61	60.27
DRUMSTICKS	818	32.00-44.00	32	32.26
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/31	01/27	01/27	01/24	01/20
ALA	3,833	3,847	4.91	3,833	5.07
ARK	5,089	5,190	4.79	5,059	4.80
DELMARVA	2,459	2,334	5.36	2,433	5.20
KY-LA-TN	2,093	1,967	4.30	2,097	4.29
MISS	2,615	2,365	4.87	2,738	5.03
NC	3,060	1,820	5.70	1,900	5.94
TEXAS	2,169	2,120	4.74	2,209	4.74
TOTAL	21,318	19,643	4.92	20,269	4.99
MON	21,318(A)			20,269(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jan 2000 is estimated to be 31,894,000 up 4.86 percent from a week ago and up 9.56 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,416,000, last year 29,112,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	633	140.00-197.00	140-145	145.17
TENDERLOINS	241	115.00-200.00	-	162.34
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	43	49.00-50.00	-	49.81
LEGS	47	28.00-34.00	-	28.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	15.50-19.00	16-17	17.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,101	17.50-21.00	19-20	19.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	107	50.00-62.00	52-55	55.27
WINGS (CUT)	508	69.00-88.00	72-75	73.63
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 31, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	32.00 - 34.50	33.42

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 01/31-02/04/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	133.00 - 152.00	140.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	65.00 - 78.00	70.00 - 76.00
LEGS	29.00 - 36.00	29.00 - 30.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 22.00	18.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	52.00 - 68.00	59.00 - 63.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	75-90
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-96
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	316

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104-108
	ICE PACK	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	95
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 28-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT 15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
	-	-	-	-
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
	-	19.00	-	14.00-19.00
		19.00		18.00
142,800 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20% RANGE WTD AVERAGE	13.50-15.00	15.50-17.00	10.00-13.00	13.00-17.00
	14.17	16.25	11.24	13.47
1,346,400 pounds, this includes 326,400 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE

RANGE	WTD AVERAGE
-	-

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were generally unchanged from the previous week. Demand was moderate for in balance offerings from production outlets. Some cancellations were noted due to winter storm. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-19.5	10-13	11.45

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 28-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT 15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
	18.00	-	17.00	18.00
	18.00		17.00	18.00
360,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS RANGE WTD AVERAGE	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
	15.00-16.00	-	-	-
	15.33			
600,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20% RANGE WTD AVERAGE	12.00-15.00	16.00	11.00-14.00	12.00-14.00
	14.18	16.00	11.52	13.23
2,480,000 pounds, this includes 840,000 pounds for export shipment.				

20% OR MORE

RANGE	WTD AVERAGE
-	-
	12.75

280,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderately good for adequate but reduced offerings. The undertone was usually no better than steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16	8-11	10.48
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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